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# Food Marketing NEWSLETTER

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION  
MIDWESTERN AREA - OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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November 5, 1952

## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Price support loans and inventories of CCC September 30 amounted to investment of \$1,898,341,000. Of total, loans outstanding amounted to \$832,598,000, of which lending agencies held about half. Inventories acquired under price support operations totaled \$1,065,743,000.

Most of loans outstanding represent price support operations in wheat, 245.1 million bus.; tobacco, 390.2 million lbs.; corn, 15.5 million bus.; wool, 43.2 million lbs. Major inventory items September 30: corn, 290 million bus.; wheat, 142 million bus.; cotton, 235,976 bales; peanuts, 103 million lbs., linseed oil, 198.7 million lbs., field seeds, 362.4 million lbs.

Corporation reports loss of \$9,934,000 in carrying out price support operations from July 1 through September 30, compared with \$31,252,000 in same months year earlier.

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CCC lists following commodities, with quantities and prices, in November domestic sales list: nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, refined cottonseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, flaxseed, wheat, oats, barley, corn, grain sorghums, and 14 varieties of field seeds. Although offered specifically for sale to domestic buyers, above commodities also eligible for export sale at domestic prices listed.

November list of commodities available at specific export prices includes: cottonseed oil, raw linseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, wheat, oats, barley and corn.

Sales by CCC, January 1 through October 24, 1952, from export list, \$35,431,966; from domestic list, \$91,532,222.

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SUPPLY OF NITROGEN FERTILIZER FOR 1952-53, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY USDA ESTIMATES, WILL TOTAL 1,585,000 TONS, 11% MORE THAN 1951-52 SUPPLY. DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF PHOSPHATES FORECAST AT 2,465,000 TONS, ABOUT 10% ABOVE LAST YEAR. POTASH EXPECTED TO TOTAL 1,850,000 TONS, ABOUT 17% MORE THAN AVAILABLE IN 1951-52.

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## GRAINS

U.S. sales under International Wheat Agreement October 22-28 inc., totaled 2,311,000 bus. (including 472,179 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Principal buyers were Netherlands, Britain, India, Belgium, and Norway. Cumulative U.S. sales under 1952-53 quotas, 92,196,000 bus.

PMA Commodity Offices (Minneapolis excepted), report following sales last week for domestic use or export, from CCC inventories acquired under price support: corn, 314,135 bus.; wheat, 28,097 bus.; edible beans, 114,994 cwt.; clover seed, 944 lbs.

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## POULTRY

USDA's turkey purchases on October 31 for school lunch distribution totaled 2,293,735 lbs., acquisitions under surplus removal program to date 17,356,578 lbs. Department will continue accepting offers twice weekly through November 14 and once a week after that to January 27, 1953.

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## FATS AND OILS

Stocks of old crop soybeans in all positions October 1 totaled 3,564,000 bus., about 500,000 bus. less than year earlier. Included: on farms, 1,947,000 bus.; interior mills, etc., 297,000 bus.; terminals, 710,000 bus.; balance processing plants.

Flaxseed stocks October 1, all positions, 32 million bus.; 4% less than year earlier, and indicating continuing reduction following 1948 record crop. Stocks: on farm, 13.4 million bus.; terminals, 6.6 million bus.; all other, 11.9 million bus.

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FARMERS' REQUESTS TO PURCHASE HAY FOR BASIC LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY HERDS IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF SOUTH, AMOUNTED TO 439,296 TONS THROUGH NOVEMBER 3. CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE REPORTS. ORDERS PLACED WITH COUNTY PMA COMMITTEES IN 5 MIDWEST STATES. THESE COMMITTEES REPORT SHIPMENT AMOUNTING TO 212,000 TONS.

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Meat production under federal inspection week ended November 1 totaled 366 million lbs., a 2% increase over preceding weeks, 5% above same week in 1951, and highest week's output since January.



# AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received by farmers for their products during month ended October 15 declined 6 points (2%), due to lower prices for meat animals, cotton, corn, chickens, and potatoes, only partly offset by higher prices for milk, eggs, and fruits. Prices paid by farmers, including wages, interest and taxes, dropped 3 points (1%) in same period.

Average prices received by farmers and parity percentage for major farm products October 15: beef cattle, \$22 - 106; hogs, \$18.60 - 88; lambs, \$23.80 - 97; veal calves, \$23.20 - 103; butterfat, 73.5¢ lb. - 97; milk \$5.30 cwt. - 118; chickens 24.2¢ lb. - 76; eggs, 50.2¢ doz. - 100; turkeys, 32.9¢ lb. - 83; wheat, \$2.07 bu. - 84; corn, \$1.53 bu. - 86; potatoes, \$2.11 - 122.

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# FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

With completed reports of the 1952 pack of canned fruits not yet available, BAE estimates pack about 10% smaller than 1951-52 record 70 million cases (24 No. 2 cans). Pack of apricots and sour cherries considerably smaller, sweet cherries, much larger. Heavy reductions estimated for packs of peaches, fruit cocktail and salad, pears, plums and prunes. However carryover stocks at start of season well above a year earlier and civilian supplies in 1952-53 will be as large as 1951-52 when per capita consumption was 19 lbs.

Production of frozen fruits and fruit juices this year estimated 940 million lbs., about 17% larger than 1951 pack of 802 million lbs. Reduction in packs of deciduous fruits and berries more than offset by increases in frozen citrus juices (up 45%), and moderately more cherries. Per capita consumption this year about 5.5 lbs., a new record.

LABOR EFFICIENCY IN PREPACKAGING FRESH TOMATOES  
AT TERMINAL MARKETS COULD BE INCREASED 36%, ON  
THE AVERAGE, IF MORE EFFICIENT METHODS AND PRACTICES  
FOUND IN A SURVEY OF 14 PLANTS WERE ADOPTED GENERALLY,  
ACCORDING TO A RECENT USDA SURVEY. COPY OF  
"PREPACKAGING TOMATOES" CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OFFICE  
OF INFORMATION SERVICES, PMA, USDA, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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# WOOL

National average support price for wool shorn or pulled during calendar 1953 will be at 90% of parity, Agriculture Secretary Brannan announced October 31. Actual support prices for 1953 crop will be based on March 15, 1953 parity. At same time Secretary extended closing dates applying to 1952 crop wool placed under price support or pulled wool purchased from December 31, 1952 to March 31, 1953. Final dates for requesting appraisal, and maturity dates of non-recourse loans were postponed to Feb. 28 and April 30, 1953.

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# TOBACCO

U. S. cigarette output in 1952 estimated 430 billion, 3% above 1951 and 10% more than 1950. Exports and shipments to U. S. forces overseas, total 38 billion (tax free), leaving 392 billion for domestic consumption, an average of about 2,500 per capita.

Cigar consumption estimated 6 billion, (including shipments to U.S. overseas forces), about 4% above 1951. Smoking tobacco output, 97 million lbs., down 4% from 1951 and 10% less than 1950. Chewing tobacco dropped to 85.5 million lbs., 1 million less than 1951. Snuff production estimated 39 million lbs., down 2% from 1951.

Cigarette output represents about 4/5 of U.S. tobacco production. BAE predicts that 1953 cigarette and cigar consumption will continue upward.

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SUGAR DISTRIBUTION IN CONTINENTAL U.S. JANUARY 1  
THROUGH OCTOBER 25, BY PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS, TOTAL  
6,849,415 TONS, COMPARED WITH 6,572,423 TONS IN SAME  
1951 PERIOD. CHARGES AGAINST 1952 QUOTAS THROUGH  
OCTOBER 24 AMOUNTED TO 6,761,014 TONS, LEAVING UNFILLED  
QUOTA BALANCE, 1,144,347 TONS.

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November 10, 1952

## GRAIN

U. S. farmers placed 312 million bus. 1952-crop wheat under price support through October 15 - a record for this time of year. Through October 31, 1951, quantity put under support was 165 million bus. About 21 million bus. other 1952-crop grains and oilseeds under support October 15, compared with 36 million bus. in like 1951 period.

U. S. sales under International Wheat Agreement October 29 through November 4 totaled 6,453,000 bus., (including 495,940 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Cumulative sales under 1952-53 quotas, 98,649,000 bus.

USDA on November 5 increased rice export allocation for period August 1- Dec. 31, 1952 by 2,420,055 bags (100 lbs.), to bring total export allocation for period to 9,700,055 bags. Increase made possible by substantial increase in 1952 rice crop over August 1 estimate.

Record world rice crop for 1952-53 forecast by USDA's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. World's rough rice production estimated 176 million short tons (3,521 million 100-lb. bags.), an increase of 161 million bags over 1951-52, and 5 and 9% greater than pre-war and post war averages.

Record rice crop and earlier forecast of record 1952 world wheat crop of 7.15 billion bus. is significant in view of stringent grain needs of world, especially in Far East.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales last week from inventories acquired under price support operations: corn, 479,724 bus.; wheat, 88,575 bus.; barley, 16,104 bus.; oats, 902 bus.; rye, 646 bus.; edible beans, 47,001 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 1,268 cwt.; clover seed, 1,292 lbs.; corn screenings, 435 cwt.

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ORDERS FOR HAY FROM FARMERS IN DROUGHT AREAS OF SOUTH  
TOTALED 458,565 TONS THROUGH NOVEMBER 6, CHICAGO PMA  
COMMODITY OFFICE REPORTS. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH  
COUNTY PMA COMMITTEES IN FIVE MIDWEST STATES. COMMITTEES  
HAVE PURCHASED AND ORDERED SHIPMENT OF 18,507 CARS, - ABOUT  
242,000 TONS, AND ONE BARGE SHIPMENT OF 456 TONS.

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## POULTRY

USDA last week bought 5,343,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkeys for school lunch programs under current surplus removal program. Acquisitions through November 5 total 22,679,578 lbs.

Poultry canned or used for canning during September totaled 15,570,000 lbs., 7.1 million lbs. more than 1946-50 average for month. Poultry certified under Federal inspection during month amounted to 89.4 million lbs., about 21.4 million lbs. more than year earlier. Of quantity inspected, 74.4 million lbs. were eviscerated for sale, about 15.9 million lbs. above September 1951.

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## FATS AND OILS

Creamery butter production January through September 1952 estimated 943,850,000 lbs., 3% less than same 1951 period, and 9% below five year (1946-50) average for period. October production tentatively estimated 87.5 million lbs.

Oleomargarine production in same 9 month period reported by Commerce Department at 925,796,000 lbs., about 179 million lbs. more than same 1951 period.

At current rate of production butter and oleomargarine, latter will exceed U.S. butter output in 1952 for first time. BAE's National Food Situation report issued October 21 however estimates per capita butter consumption in U. S. this year at 8.7 lbs., oleomargarine at 7.7 lbs.

TOTAL ASSETS OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE EXPECTED TO REACH  
\$172.1 BILLION BY JANUARY 1, 1953. WOULD BE 2% ABOVE JANUARY 1,  
1952, COMPARED WITH INCREASES OF 12% IN 1950 AND 9% IN 1951.  
REAL ESTATE DEBT NEXT JANUARY 1 ESTIMATED \$6.7 BILLION, UP  
6.3% IN YEAR, AND NON-REAL ESTATE DEBT, \$9.2 BILLION, UP 16.5%.

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## SUGAR

Public hearing will be held in USDA Auditorium, Washington, November 13, in connection with sugar requirements for U. S. consumers during 1953 and establishment of sugar quotas for supplying areas. All interested persons have opportunity to present orally or by written statement, data, views or arguments pertaining to requirements and quotas for 1953. Statements should be submitted to Director, Sugar Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington, D. C.

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## DAIRY

September output of nonfat dry milk solids totaled 50.6 million lbs., a record for September, up 14% from year earlier and 11% above 1946-50 September average. Cumulative production January-September, 688 million lbs., 14% more than same 1951 period. Manufacturers' stocks and prices also highest recorded for month.

Output of dry wholemilk estimated 6.2 million lbs., lowest for September since 1941. Production first 9 months of 1952, 82.4 million lbs., 28% decline from 1951.

September evaporated milk production 245.6 million lbs., and manufacturers stocks, 508.9 million lbs., both highest for month since 1948. Month's output 26% greater than year earlier, and 4% above five year average. Average selling prices highest recorded for month except in 1948.

Condensed milk output estimated 4,650,000 lbs., lowest for month since 1939 and 55% below 1946-50 average. January-September output, 45.5 million lbs. was 5% above same 1951 period. Manufacturers' stocks, 8.4 million lbs., were 42% above September 30 last year, and 62% above 5 year average.

USDA has scheduled hearing starting December 9 at Rochester, Minn. to consider a federal milk order in 35 county area covering contiguous parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Proposal for order made by Producer Cooperative Associations supplying area. Cities in area are: Albert Lea, Rochester, Mankato and Winona, Minnesota; La Crosse and Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Mason City, Iowa.

USDA IS ASKING OFFERS FROM PROCESSORS FOR 4 MILLION LBS. SPRAY NONFAT DRY MILK SOLIDS, AND/OR REPACKAGING OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED POWDER IN SPECIFIED 4-1/2 LB. CONTAINERS FOR DELIVERY DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY. DETAILS IN AMENDMENT 1 TO DA-94, AVAILABLE FROM DAIRY BRANCH, PMA, USDA, WASHINGTON.

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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Percentages of raisins that can be shipped under Federal marketing agreement and order for California raisins was announced November 7 by USDA. Free tonnages range from 100% for Sultana varieties, Zantes, 75%, Golden Bleached, 70%, Muscats, 60%, Natural Thompson Seedless, 55%.

Except for Thompson Seedless with reserve tonnage of 20% and surplus of 25%, balance all other varieties assigned to "reserve" tonnage which may be released to augment "free" tonnage if needed. "Surplus" and any remainder of "reserve" can be disposed of in outlets not interfering with normal marketing of raisins or raisin variety grapes.

USDA has proposed revision of existing U. S. standards for cauliflower to permit certification in U. S. No. 1 grade of bulk cauliflower with jacket leaves clipped back a few inches, and requiring jacket leaves to be free from damage by disease.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Commercial meat production in U.S. (inspected and other) during September totaled 1,732 million lbs., up 9% from August, and 12% above September 1951. Cumulative production, January through September 1952, estimated 15.3 billion lbs., about 728 million lbs. or 5% more than same 1951 period.

Production in 9 month period, and percentage change from 1951: beef, 6.8 billion lbs., up 7.9%; veal, 749 million lbs., up 6%; pork, 7.3 billion lbs., very small increase; lamb and mutton, 453 million lbs., up 23.4%

During first 9 months 1952 slaughter of cattle increased 7% over 1951; sheep and lambs, 24%; hogs, 4%; and calves 1%.

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POOLED STOCKS OF 1951-CROP COTTON AMOUNTING TO 234,879 BALES WILL NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY CCC DURING THE PERIOD WHEN PRODUCERS ARE MARKETING BULK OF 1952 CROP, AND OFFERS TO SELL SMALL STOCKS OF 1948-49-50 CROPS STILL HELD BY AGENCY ARE BEING DISCONTINUED.

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## CROP ESTIMATES - 1952

Nearly ideal harvesting conditions during October speeded 1952 harvest to early completion and improved outturns of many late-growing crops, BAE's Crop Reporting Board reports.

Based on November 1 conditions, this year's corn crop will total 3,303 million bus., of excellent quality, and second in quantity only to the record 3,605 million bus. of 1948. About 83% produced in 12 North Central states, with Iowa reporting a record 686 million bus., Illinois, 534 million bus.

Total output of food grains now estimated 42 million tons, feed grains, 120 million tons. Expected volume of all crop production only 2-1/2% below the 1948 record.

Winter wheat prospects November 1 were far from satisfactory, but not hopeless in much of the producing area. Rains in November over parts of the dry areas have improved conditions, but crop considered in precarious condition by growers, pending receipt of adequate moisture.

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## PLENTIFUL FOODS - DECEMBER

Turkeys, pork and lard lead the December Plentiful Food List issued by the Production and Marketing Administration.

Turkey supplies 25% larger than year ago, with stocks in storage November 30, 135 million lbs., about 52 million above last year. Pork in abundant supply result of seasonally heavy marketings. Lard stocks near record high.

Other plentiful for holiday month: oranges, table grapes, grapefruit, tree nuts, honey, domestic dried figs, raisins, cottage cheese, buttermilk, nonfat dry milk powder, vegetable shortening, salad oils, table fat, carrots, and frozen fish.

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MILK PRODUCTION ON U.S. FARMS DURING OCTOBER ESTIMATED 8,578 MILLION LBS., SLIGHTLY ABOVE OCTOBER 1951, AND ABOUT SAME AS 1941-50 OCTOBER AVERAGE. SMALL INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR IS FIRST RECORDED IN 8 MONTHS, BUT PRODUCTION PER CAPITA, 1.76 LBS. PER DAY, LOWEST FOR MONTH IN 23 YEARS OF RECORD. PRODUCTION JANUARY-OCTOBER, THIS YEAR 98.9 BILLION LBS., ABOUT 1.3 BILLION LBS. THAN SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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## POULTRY

U.S. farm flocks laid 4,402,000,000 eggs in October, record for month, 4% above October, 1951, and 34% above 1941-50 October average. Nation's laying flock averaged 354,476,000 layers during October, 1% less than year earlier and 2% above ten year average.

Record production based on rate of lay which averaged 12.4 eggs per hen compared with 12.0 in October, 1951, and the average of 9.5 eggs.

USDA purchases of turkeys November 10-13-17 totaled 12,640,000 lbs., to bring acquisitions under current surplus removal program to 35,333,578 lbs. Turkeys will be distributed to school lunch programs.

In 1934, first year for which commercial broiler sales were reported separately, sales totaled 97 million lbs. Total sales reported for 1951 amounted to 2,419,104,000 lbs.

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## VEGETABLES

Production of commercial truck crops for 1952 fall season harvest expected to total 1,870,000 tons, about 70,000 more than last year, and 90,000 above 10-year (1941-50) average. Lima bean, snap bean, cauliflower, cucumber and spinach output expected somewhat less, while production all others estimated greater than last year.

U. S. 1952 potato crop now estimated 349.3 million bus., about 23.5 million more than 1951. Increase, however, more pronounced in 1952 crop of 29 late-crop states -- 282.4 million bus., compared with 255.9 million bus. produced in these states in 1951.

PMA established 1952 production goals for potatoes at 350 million bus., a quantity estimated large enough to meet domestic needs for food, seed, industrial consumption, exports, feed, and expected waste.

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A MARKETING QUOTA OF 663,000 TONS OF 1953-CROP PEANUTS, AND NATIONAL ACREAGE ALLOTMENT OF 1,678,481 ACRES, ANNOUNCED BY USDA NOVEMBER 17.

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Meat production under federal inspection, week ended November 15, estimated 373 million lbs., largest week's output since January. Output included (million lbs.): beef, 155.3; veal, 17.1; pork, 189.2; lamb and mutton, 11.7.



Cold Storage Holdings October 31, 1952, and net changes

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change	Freezer	Holdings	Net Change
Commodities	Oct. 31	during Oct.	Commodities	Oct. 31	during Oct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	1,288,512	✓ 989,904	Fruits	322,057	- 5,474
Pears	145,400	- 82,500	Vegetables	571,122	✓ 41,031
Dried & ev.fts.	33,791	- 9,208	Cream	37,253	- 5,207
Nuts & nutmeats	53,717	- 23,752	Cream'y butter	101,574	- 9,745
Cheese	252,123	- 10,344	Eggs	95,032	- 28,629
Shell eggs	44,640	- 32,265	Poultry	277,200	✓ 94,414
Dried eggs	5,093	- 1,281	Beef	186,054	✓ 21,276
Beef	8,010	✓ 1,080	Pork	121,474	- 40,979
Pork	110,069	- 18,409	Sausage	6,507	✓ 391
Sausage	8,985	✓ 7	Lamb & Mutton	15,435	✓ 2,882
Canned meats	25,006	- 3,729	Veal	16,022	✓ 3,571
Lard & pork fat	88,035	- 21,122	Edible Offal	53,403	- 2,360
Other	643,387	✓ 168,507	Other	441,615	- 11,381
Total	2,706,768	✓ 956,888	Total	2,214,748	✓ 59,790

Turkey stocks at end of October 135 million lbs., were 52 million more than year earlier, and largest (except Jan. 31, 1947) of record; 64 million above end of September. Frozen beef stocks highest for date since 1918. Pork withdrawals far above average for month, yet October 31 stocks exceeded only in 1934 and 1944. Frozen egg holdings lowest since 1938. Cooler occupancy October 31 - 69%; freezer, 78%.

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GRAINS

U. S. sales under International Wheat Agreement, November 5-11 inc., totaled 7,225,000 bus., (including 559,444 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Cumulative U.S. sales under 1952-53 quotas, 105,874,000 bus.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales last week from inventories acquired under price support operations: corn, 635,933 bus.; wheat, 46,043 bus.; barley, 81,939 bus.; oats, 3,096 bus.; dry edible beans, 86,144 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 13,071 cwt.; field seeds, 920 lbs.

There will be no marketing quotas or acreage allotments on 1953 corn crop, USDA announced November 17, because total supply for 1952-53 established as 3,793,000,000 bus., about 451 million bus. less than amount which would require limits on production under present law.

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COTTON

Near ideal conditions for harvesting credited for 492,000 bale increase in BAE forecast of 1952 U.S. cotton crop, based on November 1 conditions. Total crop now estimated 14,905,000 bales, 239,000 bales less than last year; 3,150,000 more than 1941-50 average. Tentative estimate of cottonseed output 6,057,000 tons, about 268,000 tons less than 1951.

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FARM LABOR

Workers on U. S. farms at end of October numbered 11,364,000, down about 1-3/4 million from harvest season peak of month earlier. Of total, 2,672,000 were hired workers, down 28% from harvest time, and 4% less than year earlier.

USDA's State Agricultural Mobilization Committees report shortage of manpower, particularly year-round farm hands, continues to be Agriculture's most difficult problem. It's expected to get worse as men are called to the Armed Services.

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NUMBER OF CATTLE ON FEED NOVEMBER 1 SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN LAST YEAR, BAE REPORTS. LARGE INCREASES IN NUMBERS BEING FED IN CORN BELT STATES, PARTIALLY OFFSET BY DECREASES OUTSIDE THIS AREA. JULY-OCTOBER INSHIPMENTS IN CORN BELT 20% ABOVE 1951, WITH OCTOBER MOVEMENT IN RECORD VOLUME. FEEDING OPERATIONS UP IN ALL CORN BELT STATES EXCEPT KANSAS.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Prices for livestock continued downward last week due to seasonally large supplies. Cattle receipts at 12 midwest markets Monday November 17 alone totalled 165,800, largest single day's salable receipts in at least 12 years. Prices dropped from 50¢ to as much as \$3 per cwt. for various grades in an erratic market. Wholesale beef prices declined 1/2 to 3¢ per lb. in Chicago, 1 to 4¢ in New York.

Week's hog run at 12 midwest markets, 487,000, largest since February. Prices closed 50¢ to \$1.00 under preceding week. Wholesale pork prices dropped to new lows for marketing season, some cuts declining as much as 12¢ per lb.

Reflecting heavy marketings, meat production under federal inspection during week was estimated at 425 million lbs., up 14% from the previous week, and 34% above the output of the corresponding week in 1951. Hog slaughter of 1,716,000 head was the largest since December 1951, and largest November week hog kill since 1947. Slaughter of all species was up. Output included (million lbs.): beef, 165.2; veal, 17.5; pork, 230.6; lamb and mutton, 12.1.

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## SUGAR

U. S. 1952 sugar beet crop of 10.4 million tons compares with 10.5 million last year, and a 10 million ton average. Sugarcane production (for sugar and seed), estimated 7.3 million tons, compares with 6.1 million in 1951, and is 17% above 10 year average.

Deficit of 70,000 short tons in 1952 Hawaii sugar quota has been prorated to: Mainland cane area, 8,468 tons; Puerto Rico, 15,444 tons; Virgin Islands, 102 tons; Cuba, 45,968 tons. Proration does not affect 1952 U.S. sugar consumption quotas which remain at 7.8 million tons.

Quantity of sugar charged against these quotas January-October (10 months) amounted to 6,942,745 tons, (partly estimated), compared with 6,855,991 tons same ten months 1951.

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NEAR RECORD TOBACCO CROP OF 2,231 MILLION LBS. PRODUCED BY U.S. FARMERS IN 1952. EXCEEDED ONLY BY 2,328 MILLION LBS. PRODUCED LAST YEAR AND 2,315 MILLION LBS. IN 1946.

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## GRAINS

U.S. sales under the International Wheat Agreement, November 12 to 18 inc., totaled 6,836,000 bus., (including 512,355 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Principal buyers were Brazil, India, Israel, Peru and U.K. Cumulative sales under 1952-53 quotas 112,710,000 bus.

FMA Commodity offices report following sales last week for domestic use or export, from inventories acquired under price support operations: wheat, 146,543 bus.; corn, 903,765 bus.; dry edible beans, 45,236 cwt.; barley, 201,000 bus.; rye, 393 bus.; oats, 1,074 bus.; Austrian winter peas, 5,995 cwt.; clover seed, 505 lbs.; tung oil, 50,000 lbs.

U.S. production dry beans in 1952 estimated 16,655,000 bags (100 lbs.), compared with 17.4 million in 1951 and ten year average of 18 million bags.

Preliminary estimate world production of dry beans in 1952-53 season is 114.4 million bags. Production 1951 was 116.3 million, and prewar average 106.6 million bags.

Bumper crop of rice produced by U.S. farmers this year - 48.4 million bags (100 lbs.). Last year's output, 43.8 million bags and average crop about 33 million bags.

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## FATS AND OILS

Supplies of soybeans for 1952-53 currently estimated 293 million bus., up 3% from last year and second only to 1950-51 supply. Soybean crushings 1951-52 season totaled 244 million bus., about 7 million less than previous year's record. This year's crop indicated 289 million bus. on November 1, second only to record 1950 outturn 299 million bus.

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USDA REPORTS EXPORTS OF U.S. FARM PRODUCTS DURING SEPTEMBER DROPPED 29% FROM YEAR EARLIER, AND WAS THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS WERE BELOW LAST YEAR. FROM JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER EXPORTS FARM PRODUCTS WERE DOWN 31%. WHEAT AND FLOUR LEAD EXPORTS WITH COTTON AND TOBACCO NEXT IN LINE. EXPORTS OF ALL PRODUCTS EXCEPT SOYBEANS AND CANNED FRUITS WERE DOWN, WITH CHEESE SUFFERING 95% DECLINE FROM YEAR EARLIER.

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## POULTRY

Commercial hatcheries produced 84.8 million chicks during October, largest October hatch of record, 2% more than year earlier and 61% above 1946-50 average. Chicks hatched first ten months of 1952 totaled 1,547 million, down 4% from 1951. Of year's hatch to date, 485.6 million were placed in 11 principal broiler areas, 5% more than in 1951.

Average prices received by farmers in mid-October: eggs, 50.4¢ doz.; farm chickens, 20.4¢ lb.; broilers, 29.1¢; turkeys, 32.9¢ per lb.

USDA reports purchase November 20 of 5,834,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook 1952 crop turkeys for school lunch distribution under current surplus removal program. Total acquisitions under program to date, 41,167,578 lbs.

Big part of 1952 record turkey crop has already been eaten and balance left for market after November 1 about equals balance of smaller 1951 crop left for marketing that date, BAE believes. Estimate based on farmers' reported intentions to market 43% of 1952 crop before end of October, compared with 36% of 1951 crop marketed by that time. The 1951 crop totaled 52.6 million birds, 1952, estimated 59 million. This year's crop includes record number Beltsville Small Whites (24.5%), and other small turkeys, produced and marketed year around. BAE estimates balance left for marketing after November 1 amounts to 33.6% of crop, same as last year when birds averaged heavier.

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## DAIRY

Retail prices of standard grade milk delivered to homes in 24 major cities in early November averaged 23.9 cents per quart, about 1/10 cent higher than October and 1.3¢ above November 1951.

Milk dealers' average buying price for Class I milk of 3.5% butterfat content in more than 100 cities in early November was \$5.69 per cwt., 3¢ above October and 31¢ higher than November 1951.

USDA has recommended changes in supply-demand adjustment, and other provisions of Toledo, Ohio, milk order. Changes must be approved by producers. Purchase of 4 million lbs. spray nonfat dry milk solids for school lunch distribution announced by USDA. Current requirements under DA-94 filled,

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FARMERS IN DROUGHT AREAS OF SOUTH ORDERED 502,645 TONS HAY UNDER DROUGHT EMERGENCY PROGRAM THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE REPORTS. ORDERS RECEIVED FROM 11 STATES, WITH 40% FROM TEXAS. PMA COUNTY COMMITTEES IN FIVE MIDWEST STATES REPORT SHIPMENTS OF 21,655 RAIL CARS AND ONE BARGE LOAD OF HAY, TOTALLING ABOUT 260,000 TONS.

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## FRUITS

Production of major fruits in 1952, in 1951, and comparison with 10 year average: apples, 92.7 million bus., 110.6 million bus., down 16% pears, 30.5 million bus., 30 million bus., average; grapes, 3,139,900 tons, 3,385,800 tons, up 12%; cranberries, 786,000 bbls., 910,000 bbls., about average; pecans, 126.5 million lbs., 154.9 million lbs., up 3%; walnuts, 79,700 tons, 77,400 tons, up 14%.

USDA has revised U.S. Standards for grades of canned grapefruit (grapefruit sections), by reducing drained weight requirement for small retail-size containers, Grade A quality, from 60 to 58%. Effective November 25.

Survey by Fruit and Vegetable Branch, PMA, and BAE, just released, covering U. S. consumer buying practices for selected fruits and fruit products October 1951-March 1952, indicates 80% bought oranges, 40% bought frozen concentrated orange juice, and 43% bought canned single strength orange juice.

Percentage of households buying other products surveyed: fresh grapefruit 57%; lemons, 50%; dried prunes, 45%; canned grapefruit juice, 30%; frozen concentrated grapefruit juice 8%; dried apricots, 13%; dried peaches, 7%; domestic grown dates, 18%.

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December 3, 1952

## GRAIN

CCC confirmed sales of 2,760,000 bu. wheat (including 299,810 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent) under the International Wheat Agreement, November 19 through 25. Principal buyers, U.K., India, and Germany. Cumulative U.S. sales against 1952-53 quotas, 115,470,000 bu.

Gordon O. Fraser of Moro, Oregon, appointed Secretary of International Wheat Council which administers the International Wheat Agreement. Council headquarters, London, England. Mr. Fraser has long held topflight positions for U.S. agriculture at home and abroad.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales week ended November 27, for domestic use or export, from inventories acquired under price support operations: wheat, 938,415 bu.; corn, 586,793 bu.; rye, 17,433 bu.; barley, 4,000 bu.; oats, 856 bu.; dry edible beans, 49,096 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 1,060 cwt.; clover seed, 1,481 lbs.

Canada's 1952 wheat crop now estimated 688 million bu., exceeding previous record, 1928 crop, by 121 million bushels. Average yield 26.5 bu. per acre, a record, compares with long-time average 16 bushels per acre.

U.S. EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS DURING SEPTEMBER VALUED AT \$220 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$308 MILLION YEAR EARLIER. WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR, COTTON AND TOBACCO, BULK OF EXPORTS, ALL SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW LAST YEAR. VALUE SEPTEMBER IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS \$361 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$334 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1951. COFFEE, SUGAR AND RUBBER WERE MAJOR ITEMS.

## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC commodities acquired under price support operations and available to buyers at domestic prices during December: nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, refined cottonseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, flaxseed, wheat, oats, barley, corn, grain sorghums, and 13 field seeds. These commodities also available to export buyers at domestic sale prices.

Commodities available at specific export prices during December: cottonseed oil, raw linseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, wheat, oats, barley, and corn.

Sales of CCC commodities January 1 through November 21, 1952 for domestic use, \$96,353,193; for export, \$38,165,185.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received by U.S. farmers for their products in month ended November 15 declined 2%, third consecutive month of lower prices for farmers. Average in mid-November was 8.5% below a year earlier, and 12% under the high set in February, 1951.

Prices paid by farmers for products needed for production and living, including interest, taxes and wages, declined 1/3 of 1% during month. Parity ratio November 15 dropped to 99, first month this ratio has been below 100 since June, 1950.

## SUGAR

USDA November 25 increased 1952 sugar quotas by 100,000 tons, to bring quotas to 7.9 million tons. Original quotas were 7.7 million tons. Additional new tonnage prorated: Cuba, 98,640 tons, balance to "full duty" countries as provided by Sugar Act.

Sugar distribution by primary distributors January through October, 1952, was 334,000 tons greater than same months of 1951. Actual distribution in continental U.S. through November 22, (partly estimated) totaled 7,395,834 tons.

HEAVY SNOWS IN SOME MIDWEST STATES COMBINED WITH THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TO REDUCE INSPECTED MEAT OUTPUT IN THE WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 29 TO 337 MILLION LBS., 21% BELOW PRECEDING WEEK AND 9% UNDER SAME WEEK IN 1951. PRODUCTION INCLUDED (MILLION LBS.): BEEF, 131.6; VEAL, 12.0; PORK, 182.9; LAMB AND MUTTON, 10.6.

## FATS AND OILS

Supply of peanuts in commercial positions October 31 totaled 666 million lbs., farmers' stock equivalent, about 30% larger than holdings a year earlier. Holdings of farmers' stock peanuts at 584 million lbs, were 43% higher than October 31, 1951 while stocks of shelled edible grade and peanuts cleaned in shell for roasting, were 16 and 52% respectively smaller than year earlier.



#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Production goals of 359 million bus. of white potatoes and 40,670,000 bus. sweet potatoes for 1953, announced by USDA. Goals compare with 1952 crops of 349.3 million bus. white potatoes, and 29.4 million bus. sweet potatoes. White potato goal 5,000 acres above 1951 plantings, sweet potato, 84,900 acres larger.

Export payment programs: Quantity of raisins approved for export through November 14; 70,275 tons, with subsidy obligations, \$3,604,649; honey, cumulative quantities approved for export through same date, 16,750,454 lbs., total payment obligation, \$753,770.

Honey placed under price support through November 14, 2,977,069 lbs., covered by 130 loans in 16 states totaling \$338,212. Purchase agreements (13) cover additional 593,272 lbs.

Zante currants no longer eligible under 1952-53 raisin export program.

Export payment program for fresh and processed oranges and grapefruit will start December 5. USDA program provides flat payment rate for fresh oranges, \$1.25 per box, grapefruit, 75 cents per box. Eligible outlets include principal European countries, except citrus producers.

#### DAIRY

USDA made first purchase of butter this year under the dairy price support program with acquisition November 28 of 358,272 lbs. Grade B butter at price support level of 65.75¢ per lb. Department has purchased total of 41,054,373 lbs. nonfat dry milk solids under program this year. Butter production trailed that of 1951 for most of year, but exceeded 1951 output by 22% in week ended November 20.

FOOD AND FIBRE PROCESSORS AND WHOLESALE FOOD DISTRIBUTORS  
SHOULD FILE APPLICATIONS FOR CONTROLLED CONSTRUCTION  
MATERIALS AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE FIRST DAY OF CALENDAR  
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SELF-AUTHORIZED OR CERTIFIED UNDER NPA REGULATIONS; FILE  
WITH STATE PMA OFFICE IN AREA OF CONSTRUCTION.

#### POULTRY

USDA bought 3,210,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkey November 26 for school lunch distribution, under current surplus removal program. Total acquisitions to date, 44,377,578 lbs.

October liquid egg output 6,972,000 lbs., about 2.7 million lbs. more than October 1951, but 1.5 million below 1946-50 average for month. Dried egg production, 758,000 lbs., compared with 370,000 October 1951, and 1,686,000 lb. average.

Frozen egg production totaled 4,824,000 lbs., up 1,650,000 from October 1951, and 1.5 million lbs. above average. Frozen egg stocks decreased 29 million lbs. during month, to 95 million lbs., about 41 million below average.

#### FEEDS

PMA estimates supplies of byproduct feedstuffs for 1952-53 only slightly less than 18.6 million tons consumed by U.S. livestock last year, when supplies were largest of record. Grain consuming animal units to be fed estimated 171 million, about 4 million less than 1951-52, but 9 million above 1945-49 average. With near record supplies and slightly smaller livestock numbers, feedstuff prices mid-November about 3% below year ago.

OF NEARLY 159,000 BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS VOTING IN NOVEMBER 22  
REFERENDUM, 98.5% VOTED FOR MARKETING QUOTAS, GREATEST FAVORABLE  
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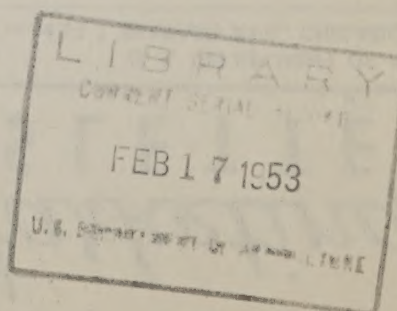
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## FARM INCOME AND PRICES

U.S. farmers received about \$4.1 billion from farm marketings in October, and around \$3.5 billion in November, according to BME estimates. October receipts were 3%, and November receipts 4% less than a year earlier although marketings were 5% greater.

Declining receipts for farm marketings evident from comparison group indices of prices received by farmers in mid-November, 1952 with a year earlier. These show following percentage changes for mid-November, 1952: food grains, +3; feed grains and hay, -5; cotton, -17; tobacco, -3; oil bearing crops, -2; fruit, +13; truck crops, -4; vegetables, +20; meat animals, -20; dairy products, +4; poultry and eggs, -4; wool, -24. Average receipts all marketings, -8%.

Farmer's share of the consumer dollar dropped to 46¢ in October, 4 cents less than October, 1951. Farm value food products in "Market Basket" was \$342, estimated \$16 less than year earlier, while marketing charges in retail cost of Basket rose \$31 to \$395. Retail value of foods in Market Basket in mid-October was \$737--\$15 higher than mid-October, 1951.

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## DAIRY

USDA purchased 712,350 lbs. Grade A and B butter through December 4, first 1952 purchases under mandatory dairy price support program. Purchase prices at support level--Grade A (92 score or better) 67.75¢ per lb.; Grade B, 65.75¢. Prices reflect national average of \$3.85 per cwt. for manufacturing milk, and 69.2¢ per lb. for butterfat--90% of parity.

USDA December 4 amended Class I (fluid) milk price differentials in Lima, Ohio, milk order, effective January 1, 1953, increasing annual average of monthly differentials 20 cents per cwt. Increase approved by more than two thirds of producers in Lima area.

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U.S. FARMERS NOW PRODUCE 69% MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO WITH 20% FEWER MAN-HOURS OF LABOR AND ONLY 11% MORE HARVESTED ACRES. NONFARM RESOURCES--STEEL, CHEMICALS, POWER--ARE SUBSTITUTED FOR ADDITIONAL LAND AND LABOR. NATION IS BEST FED IN THE WORLD.

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## SUGAR

U.S. sugar quota for 1953 established at 7.8 million tons by USDA, compared with initial 1952 quota of 7.7 million tons. The 1953 quotas based on provisions of Sugar Act which require total quotas be such that resulting prices for sugar be fair to both domestic sugar industry and consumers. New quotas set 400,000 tons below estimated U.S. 1953 consumption. Sugar prices currently below levels indicated as desirable by act. As sugar prices improve to fair relationship with other commodities, quotas can be increased.

Department also set 1953 area sugar quotas, allotting 1.8 million tons to domestic beet producers, and 500,000 tons to domestic cane sugar industry. Balance to off shore suppliers.

Stocks of sugar held by primary distributors October 31 amounted to 1,045,240 tons. Distribution by these sources January through October totaled 6,986,666 tons. Stocks a year earlier, 1,166,614 tons.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Largest weekly hog slaughter in 1952 and liberal seasonal slaughter of cattle and calves pushed meat production under federal inspection in week ended December 6 to 438 million lbs., about 37% more than in preceding holiday week, 8% above the same 1951 period. Week's output included (million lbs.): beef, 167; veal, 16.8; pork, 240.7; lamb and mutton, 13.9.

Meat production in commercial plants (inspected and other) during October estimated 2,023 million lbs., second largest for any month since 1947, a 17% increase over September and 10% above production October, 1951.

U.S. commercial meat production first 10 months of 1952 totaled 17,323 million lbs., 6% above the same 1951 period. Lamb and mutton production was up 24%; beef 9%, veal 8% and pork, 1%.

Year's production through October includes (million lbs.) beef, 7,716; veal, 877; pork, 8,209; lamb and mutton, 521. Farm slaughter not included.

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HAY SHIPMENTS FROM MIDWEST TO DROUGHT AREAS OF 11 STATES IN SOUTH TOTALED 298,560 TONS THROUGH DECEMBER 8, CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE REPORTS. ORDERS FROM DROUGHT AREAS AMOUNT TO 517,877 TONS.

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## GRAINS

U.S. exports of grain and grain products, July-October 1952, estimated by USDA at 150,065,000 bus., compared with 202,054,000 bus. in same 1951 period. 1952 exports included 105,475,000 equivalent bus. of wheat, flour and macaroni, and 44,590,000 bus. coarse grains, compared with 144,798,000 bus. wheat and products and, 57,256,000 bus. coarse grains in 1951.

Of total 1952 July-October exports, 42% went to European countries and U.K., 21% to Central and South America; 22% to Far East, and balance to Egypt, Canada, Israel, South Africa, and all other countries.

USDA has announced price supports for following winter cover crop seeds, planted this fall, for 1953: hairy vetch, 12¢ per lb.; rough peas, 6¢; crimson clover, 16.5¢; certified reseeding crimson clover, 19¢; and common ryegrass, 6.5¢.

International Wheat Council will meet in Washington, D.C. January 30, 1953, instead of January 12 as previously announced. Council composed of representatives of 46 countries interested in international wheat trade, including 4 wheat exporting countries. Will discuss renewal of IWA which expires July 31, 1953.

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## FATS AND OILS

At request of Munitions Board, USDA has formulated program for domestic production of castor beans on 125,000 acres in 1953. CCC will carry out program designed to increase supplies castor oil for defense purposes, and improve domestic production methods. Farmers will be paid the higher of 9¢ per lb., hulled basis, or market price at time of delivery. Losses, if any, to be paid CCC from DPA funds.

World 1952 soybean crop estimated by OFAR at 650 million bus., second only to 1950 crop of 671.7 million bus. Over 90% of world output concentrated in U.S. and Chinese mainland. About half produced in free world countries. Estimate on Communist countries is speculative.

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PURCHASE OF FROZEN READY-TO-COOK TURKEY BY USDA, DECEMBER 3.  
UNDER CURRENT SURPLUS REMOVAL PROGRAM TOTALED 1,510,000 LBS.,  
TO BRING ACQUISITIONS UNDER PROGRAM TO 45,887,578 LBS.  
FUTURE OFFERINGS BY TRADE MUST BE FOR MARCH DELIVERY ONLY.  
TURKEYS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS.

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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Householders' purchases of oranges and orange products amounted to 5,129,000 cases (fresh equivalent basis) during October. Purchases included 1,261,000 cases fresh oranges, 2,868,000 cases as frozen concentrated juice, and 1 million cases in form of canned single strength juice. October sales frozen concentrated juice were 48% above a year earlier, fresh oranges down 33%, and single strength juice, down 4%.

Purchase of grapefruit and products totaled 1,575,000 cases (fresh equivalent) 12% less than October, 1951. Purchases of lemons, and products amounted to 327,000 boxes fresh fruit, about same as year ago.

USDA has proposed revision of Standards for pineapples, to require each grade be of similar varietal characteristics and color. Also proposed are changes in recommended drained weights for grades of canned green beans and canned wax beans. Department revised cauliflower standards, effective December 4, to conform with recent changes in methods of trimming and packing.

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## WOOL

World wool production, 1952, estimated by OFAR at 4,170 million lbs., about 140 million over 1951. Output reflects recovery from drought in several countries. Top world production was in 1941--4,200 million lbs.

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ESTIMATES OF THE 1952 U.S. COTTON CROP WERE RAISED 133,000 BALES TO 15,038,000 BALES, IN DECEMBER 8 REPORT BY USDA'S CROP REPORTING BOARD. THIS COMPARES WITH 1951 CROP OF 15,144,000 BALES AND 10 YEAR AVERAGE OF 11,775,000 BALES.

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December 16, 1952

## GRAINS

U. S. farmers put 334 million bus. of 1952-crop wheat under price support through November 15, compared with 186 million bus. of 1951-crop through November 30 last year. Price support is available through January 31, 1953.

Quantities of other 1952 crops under support November 15 (million bus.): barley, 6.4; oats, 14.7; corn, 19.5; rye, 0.1; grain sorghums, 2.1; flax, 2.8; soybeans, 5.7. Total all grains, 385.7 million bus. Other 1952 crops; winter cover crop seed, 302,673 cwt.; hay and pasture seed, 166,685 cwt.; dry edible beans, 1,005,129 cwt.; rough rice, 91,969 cwt.

Preliminary programs for exports of commercial and Government bread grains, coarse grains and oilseeds for January and February, 1953, total 2,605,000 tons, based on USDA schedules announced December 12. The two months tentative exports include: bread grains, 60 million bus.; coarse grains, 36 million bus.; oilseeds, 6 million bus.

Department revised estimates of November and December exports upward 597,000 tons from October 1 announcement, to total of 3,053,000 tons. November-December exports include (million bus.): breadgrains, 67; coarse grains, 39; oilseeds, 17.

U. S. sales under International Wheat Agreement December 3 through 9 total 2,653,000 bus. (including 324,434 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Principal buyers were India, Portugal, Union South Africa, and Netherlands.

Rice export allocations January 1 through March 31, 1953 set by USDA at 4,905,000 bags (100 lbs.), to bring total allocations August 1952 through March 1953 to 14,140,555 bags.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales week ended December 11 for domestic use, or export from inventories acquired under price support operations: corn, 964,646 bus.; wheat, 83,975 bus.; barley, 15,778 bus.; rye, 6,429 bus.; dry edible beans, 18,991 cwt.; clover seed, 11,547 lbs.

THERE WILL BE NO ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS OR MARKETING  
QUOTAS ON 1953-CROP RICE, USDA ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 10.  
SUPPLY IS BELOW QUANTITY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE QUOTAS  
UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION.

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## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC price support program loans and inventories amounted to \$2,037,010,000 as of October 31. Corporation sustained net realized loss of \$11,042,000 carrying out programs July 1 through October 31, 1952, compared with \$67,352,000 for entire fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

Of total investment, loans outstanding (mostly on wheat, tobacco and wool) amounted to \$989,888,000. Lending agencies held \$477,712,000 of this amount.

Inventories acquired under loan, purchase agreement, and direct purchase operations valued at \$1,047,122,000. Major inventory items were corn, wheat, field seeds, linseed oil, cotton, cottonseed oil and dry edible beans. Corn and wheat holdings accounted for about 80% of total inventory value.

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## JANUARY PLENTIFUL FOODS

PMA's list of foods expected to be in plentiful supply in Midwest during January: pork and pork products, oranges and tangerines, eggs, heavy turkeys, grapefruit, raisins, honey, domestic dried figs, almonds, filberts, walnuts, nonfat dry milk solids, vegetable shortening, salad oils, table fat, and frozen fish.

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## MEAT PRODUCTION

Inspected meat production week ended December 13 estimated 447 million lbs., highest for any week past 10 years, 15% above same 1951 week. Includes (million lbs.): beef, 167.1; veal, 15.9; pork, 249.5; lamb and mutton, 14.3.

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\* A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY \*  
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NET CHANGES IN COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS DURING NOVEMBER 1952

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change	Freezer	Holdings	Net Change
Commodities	Nov. 30	During Nov.	Commodities	Nov. 30	During Nov.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	1,208,592	-82,224	Fruits	310,023	-16,436
Pears	110,150	-36,450	Vegetables	564,822	-11,700
Dried & ev.fts.	33,890	- 307	Cream	31,837	- 5,527
Nuts & nutmeats	55,635	+ 3,333	Cream'y butter	80,620	-21,557
Cheese	246,445	-10,440	Eggs	73,004	-22,329
Shell eggs	17,460	-27,540	Poultry	292,694	+ 13,503
Dried Eggs	4,442	- 681	Beef	218,124	+ 27,874
Beef	9,173	+ 1,319	Pork	166,632	+ 47,293
Pork	145,647	+ 30,092	Sausage	7,194	+ 867
Sausage	9,538	+ 299	Lamb and mutton	19,250	+ 3,248
Canned meats	27,992	+ 2,808	Veal	21,856	+ 5,366
Lard & pork fat	80,439	+ 1,447	Edible offal	56,396	+ 5,808
Other	676,037	+ 4,783	Other	423,518	- 15,384
Total	2,625,440	- 113,561	Total	2,265,970	+ 11,026

Total stocks Nov. 30 -- 4.9 billion lbs. Occupancy: cooler, 68%; freezer, 78%. Nov. 30 beef holdings at 33 year high for date. Apples 7 million bus. below average. Frozen fruits 44 million lbs. under year ago. Frozen vegetables only 12 million lbs. below all time record of October 31. Turkeys - 157 million lbs.- all time record high. However USDA owned 22 million lbs. of total.

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SIX MILLION PERSONS IN THE U.S. ARE PRODUCING FOR AND SERVICING FARMERS, 9 MILLION ARE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTING FARM PRODUCTS, 10 MILLION ARE FARM WORKERS. OF NATION'S 61 MILLION GAINFULLY EMPLOYED WORKERS, 25 MILLION ARE ON FARMS OR WORKING IN RELATED INDUSTRIES.

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POULTRY

U. S. farm flocks laid 4,510 million eggs during November -- 4% more than November, 1951 and 41% above 1941-50 average for month.

Nation's flocks averaged 374.3 million layers during month, 1% below a year earlier, but about average. Potential layers on farms December 1 totaled 423.7 million, 4% less than year ago, 10% under average. Potential layers include 42 million pullets not of laying age, smallest number in 16 years of record, 24% less than year ago, 48% below average for date.

USDA bought 570,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkeys December 10 for distribution to school lunch programs. Total acquisitions under current surplus removal program, 46,457,578 lbs.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Nation's prospective 1952-53 citrus crop indicates record orange output, less grapefruit, more lemons. Early and mid-season oranges estimated at record 58.8 million boxes, up 3% from 1951; Valencias, 62.8 million boxes, up 3%. Grapefruit, 38.4 million boxes, down 5%, and lemons, 13.1 million boxes, up 2% from year earlier.

Indicated 1953 production of 14 winter vegetables expected 8% larger than 1952, BAE reports. Acreage 14% larger than last year. Most of prospective increase credited to bigger acreage and crops of lettuce (11,622,000 crates) up 10%; carrots (11,450,000 bus.), up 12%; cabbage (352,300 tons), 13% above last year.

Winter crop commercial early potatoes estimated December 1 at 3,526,000 bus., 36% larger than last year's crop, 82% above average. If realized, this would be record for winter crop potatoes.

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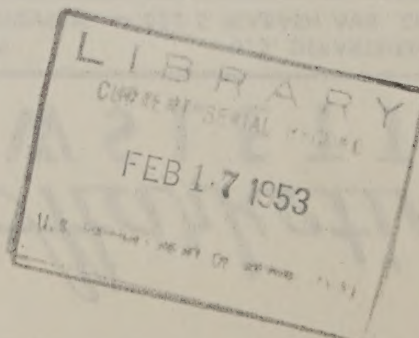
LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

USDA December 15 announced offers to purchase substantial quantities smoked skinned hams, shoulder picnics and bacon for distribution to nonprofit school lunch programs and other eligible outlets. Program aimed to divert burdensome supplies pork to new outlets.

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## 1952 CROPS

Total volume U.S. farm crops in 1952 was second largest in history despite drought in large part of country. Acreage harvested smaller than average but yields generally high and harvesting weather nearly ideal.

With yields of most crops ranging from average to record high, BAE reports the all-crop index at 150% of the 1923-32 base, 6 points higher than 1951 and near the record 152% established in 1948.

Nearly 355 million acres were planted or used for 52 principal crops. Harvested acreage estimated at 341 million, about 5 million above 1951 but less in 7 of 10 preceding years.

Food grains harvested totaled 41.7 million tons (wheat, rice, rye, buckwheat), second only to 1947 and comparing with 32.4 million tons in 1951. Rice crop a record; wheat, third largest. Four feed grain crops (corn, oats, barley, grain sorghums), amounted to 120.7 million tons, 7% above 1951 and fifth largest of record.

Oilseed crops were a near record 16,409,000 tons and a fourth above average. Cotton, 15 million bales, nearly 3.3 million above the ten year average. Tobacco, 2.2 billion lbs., the fifth crop to top 2 billion lbs.

Production of livestock in 1952 estimated largest of record.

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## PRODUCTION GOALS - 1953

USDA has announced production goals for 1953 spring-seeded crops, aimed at another year of balanced high farm production. Total crop-land use would be about same as 1952 goal figure - 360 million acres.

Based on 1952 production, the 1953 goals call for these percentage changes: corn, 101; oats, 105; grain sorghums, 228; tame hay, 102; cotton, 87; soybeans, 95; flaxseed, 87; rice, 100; dry edible beans, 109. Wheat goals, materially reduced from 1951, were announced earlier.

New goals aim at increased production feed grains and forage crops.

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ORDERS FOR HAY FROM SOUTHERN STATES TOTALED 534,536 TONS  
THROUGH DECEMBER 29, CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE REPORTS.  
THROUGH SAME DATE, SHIPMENTS BY FARMERS OF 5 MIDWEST STATES  
TOTALED 358,680 TONS.

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## DAIRY

Acting under provisions of Defense Order 3, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has announced (1) establishment of import restrictions on dried whole milk, dried butter milk, and dried cream (2) removal of import restrictions on casein and processed cheeses made from Edam and Gouda cheeses; and (3) an increase of 500,000 lbs. in the basic annual quota of blue mold cheese.

New restrictions will limit imports of dried whole milk, butter milk and cream during period ending March 31, 1953 to average quarterly imports of each during first two quarters of 1952. Imports these products have spiralled during 1952 and restrictions will reduce level of inshipments and also reduce cost of current dairy price support program.

Price support purchases December 24, reported December 29, included: butter, Grade A, 641,001 lbs.; Grade B, 264,020 lbs. Cumulative purchases since November 28, 12,215,185 lbs.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Combined 1952 spring and fall pig crops estimated 91,785,000 head, smallest since 1948, 10% less than 1951, and about 1% below 10 year average.

Reports of farmers' breeding intentions for coming spring pig crop indicate total of 7,395,000 sows to farrow, 13% less than farrowing last spring. Assuming average litter size of 6.50 (10 year average of 6.29 with allowance for trend), number of sows would indicate spring crop of 48 million head - 15% smaller than last spring.

Meat produced under federal inspection in the holiday week ended December 27 totaled 280 million lbs. Output, reflecting holiday lull in marketings, was 32% under preceding week and 6% below same week in 1951. Included, (in million lbs.): beef, 109.0; veal, 7.3; pork, 154.2; lamb and mutton, 9.1.

OF SUGAR

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DISTRIBUTION BY PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS JANUARY 1 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 20 AMOUNTED TO 7,905,422 SHORT TONS RAW VALUE,  
SLIGHTLY ABOVE 1952 QUOTA OF 7.9 MILLION TONS. TOTAL  
COMPARES WITH 7,736,573 TONS FOR ENTIRE 1951.

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## GRAINS

The 1953 winter wheat crop estimated at 611 million bus., based on December 1 outlook. Acreage seeded only 1% below last year. However, production now expected 42% less than 1952's crop of 1,053 million bus. due to very unfavorable weather conditions.

Rye acreage sown for all purposes estimated 3,334,000, about 7% more than a year earlier, but nearly 25% less than 10 year average. Condition December 1 reported 67% of normal, close to lowest of record.

Popcorn production 1952 in 11 commercial producing states estimated 253 million lbs., 23% above 1951 and 18% over 10 year average. Acreage planted, 154,000. Yellow varieties, 79%; white 21%. Growers received average of 4.46¢ per lb. Total crop valued at \$11.3 million.

Federal Marketing Order and Agreement regulating handling of hops grown in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California, will be terminated July 1, 1953. Program in effect since 1949. Majority of growers voted against continuation in referendum November 17-26.

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## FARM INCOME

Farmers cash receipts for marketings January through November, 1952 estimated at \$30.1 billion, slightly more than same period of 1951. Volume of marketings up 5% from 1951 but prices received averaged 4% lower. Realized 1952 net income expected below last year's \$14.3 billion despite new record gross income because production costs have averaged 3% above 1951.

Cash receipts from livestock totaled \$17 billion through November, 6% below 1951. Receipts from meat animals down 9%, poultry and eggs down 6%, dairy products, up 5%. Crop receipts through November estimated \$13.1 billion, 13% above last year due to substantially higher marketings and slightly higher average prices.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 1953, IN REGULATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT. CHANGES WILL (1) ESTABLISH METHOD FOR RENEWAL OF ECONOMIC POISON REGISTRATIONS AND (2) CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMITS FOR ECONOMIC POISONS FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK. COMPLETE CHANGES PRINTED IN FEDERAL REGISTER DECEMBER 20.

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## POULTRY

Commercial hatcheries produced 84,033,000 chicks during November, record for month, 1% above a year earlier, 56% over 1946-50 average. Total hatch first 11 months 1952 estimated 1,631,087,000, down 4% from same 1951 period. Placement in 11 principal broiler areas through November totaled 533,247,000 chicks, 6% over same 1951 period.

Poultry certified under federal inspection during October amounted to 126,225,000 lbs., 28 million lbs. over October 1951. Of total, 105.1 million lbs. was eviscerated for sale, balance for canning.

USDA bought 409,305 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkeys December 24 under current surplus removal program. Total purchases now amount to 46,866,883 lbs. after adjustment for unconfirmed acceptances.

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## FRUITS

Commercial apple crop 1952 now estimated at 92.7 million bus., about 1/6th below 1951 and same amount below average.

Applications for export under Raisin Export program totaled 76,490 tons through December 12. Applications under Honey Export program amounted to 17,785,332 lbs. through same date. Honey producers have also placed 5,697,711 lbs. under loan and 1,461,494 lbs. under purchase agreements.

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## TOBACCO

Of 179,493 burley tobacco growers voting in a referendum November 22, 98.3% favored marketing quotas. Since more than 2/3 of those voting favored quotas, marketing quota program will be in effect next three years beginning October 1, 1953.

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